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"Siamese Twins" Die Without An Operation

DEATHS ARE SEPARATED BY SECONDS

Brother of Women Refuses to Permit Use of Surgeon's Knife.

Chicago, March 30.—Josefa and Rosa Blazek, the "Siamese twins," died at a hospital here at 2:37 o'clock this morning. Josefa's death occurred first and was followed in a few seconds by the death of her sister. Physicians had declared early in the night that in the event of the death of one of the sisters the other would die, inasmuch as their brother, Frank Blazek, had refused to permit an operation which would sever their bodies.

The twins had been confined in the hospital for the last 10 days. Josefa was ill with yellow jaundice and this was followed by pneumonia. Shortly before her death Rosa was afflicted with bronchitis. Following the refusal of the brother to authorize the operation Dr. B. H. Breakstone, chief of the surgical staff of the hospital, declared this morning that it would be impossible to save one of the twins in the event of the other's death. Preparations had been made for the operation and the physicians were ready to make every effort to save the life of at least one of the women.

Give Up Hope at Midnight.

Hope of saving Josefa was abandoned at midnight, according to Dr. Breakstone.

He tried to get the consent of the brother to operate to save the life of Rosa, but he refused to give his permission, the physician added.

Dr. Breakstone explained that a delicate operation would have been necessary.

Before their death he had expressed the opinion that the psychological affinity of the "twins" was so vital that if one should die the other might also succumb before the hand of flesh and bone that joined them could be severed.

Although the "twins" possessed separate respiratory and cardiac systems, Dr. Breakstone explained that they had only one set of secondary and procreative organs. The operation, he said, would have necessitated the building up of a part of the digestive and other essential organs to save the life of one twin.

Rosa Leaves a Son.

Rosa was once married, her name being Rosa Blazek Dvorak. She is survived by a normal 11-year-old son, her husband, who was killed in the German army and was captured in action in 1917. She was married 15 years ago. Josefa never married.

The little son, Frantz, has been at the bedside of his mother, who until within the last few hours, was less critically ill than Josefa.

The twins were the second offspring of a normal parentage in Czechoslovakia 42 years ago. There were four other children, all normal and all still living. The father is also said to be alive, his age being 55 years. The mother died a year ago at the age of 65 years.

Both Were Wealthy.

During a tour of the world the twins acquired considerable wealth. They died without making a will, although their attorney had been at the hospital several days in the hope that they would be in condition to dictate a will.

As the women grew weaker last night physicians pleaded with the brother to permit an operation. He was the only adult relative capable under the Illinois law of giving this consent.

"No," said the brother. "No, not even if Rosa lives for hours after Josefa dies. There shall be no operation."

ANTI-CIGARET ORDINANCE IN CHICAGO LOSES

'Kidded to Death' by Aldermen as Gallery Girls Smoke.

Chicago, March 30.—With nine young women puffing cigarettes in the gallery, the city council yesterday literally "kidded to death" Alderman Lyle's proposal that the use of "ekags" in public by women be banned under penalty of fines ranging from \$10 to \$100.

When the women, who were accompanied by photographers and the press agent for a local theatre, lit up, the city fathers left their seats and crowded around the rostrum to get a better view of the historic scene, never before witnessed in the council chamber.

"Make Fool" of Council.

"What's the matter?" asked Mayor Thompson of the gathering throng. "Didn't you ever see women smoke before? Take your seats. Let's get down to business."

Alderman Toman moved that the women be invited to the council floor, but Alderman Richert, with his 19 years of council experience, recalled the times when the council was an august body, arose, and indignantly shouted:

"I want to know who it is that is making a fool out of the city council? Who gave permission for this foolishness? It's positively disrespectful."

Meanwhile Sergeant at Arms Thomas Courtney had arrived at the women's seats and had ordered them to "throw away those cigarettes or get out."

Sarcastic Amendments.

Alderman Lyle had three proposals before the council, and the aldermen seemed to take delight in crucifying all of them by big majorities. When the session was over one old city father declared that "not in my 18 years in this body has such a fresh and dewy spray of dresses and hair been laid at my feet as this morning."

When the Lyle anti-cigarette ordinance was read Alderman Kostner presented an amendment which read, in part, as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any female to appear in any public place wearing rolled stockings, skirts shorter than four inches above the ground, penciled eyebrows, hair bared hair unless enclosed in a hair net, galoshes unless buckled, or low cut dresses unless approved by the city morals commission."

Everyone laughed except Alderman Lyle, who sat in his seat reading.

License to Die.

Alderman Schwartz came to bat with a substitute ordinance with the following provisions:

That a commission be known as the "bureau of don'ts" be created, the five members to be selected by "popular or unpopular vote" from the ranks of the "reformers, hypocrites, bigots, professional agitators, and peanut-headed nincompoops."

That the bureau shall have power to license men and women and to deny them the right to "live, die, breathe, laugh, cry, eat, sleep, love, hate, dance, walk, run, stand, labor, rest, write, speak or think."

That women be prohibited from carrying cigarettes or trading fags in public.

That any person "living, dying, breathing," etc., without a license be subjected to a fine of \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent offenses.

TREATIES O. K'D.

Washington, March 30.—The senate ratified the arms conference treaties providing for the limitation of naval armament and restricting the use of submarines and poison gas by votes of 74 to 1 and 71 to 0, respectively.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 38; lowest last night, 32. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 16 miles per hour.

Precipitation last 24 hours, .58. 12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, .58. 7 a.m. today, .58.

Dry bulb temp., 38; 36; 34. Wet bulb temp., 34; 32; 30. Relative humid., 76; 65; 90. River stage at 7 a. m., 7.7, a fall of 1.5 last 24 hours.

Sunset today, 6:26 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 5:47 a. m.

River forecast—The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next few days.

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

River Stages.

St. Paul 9.7 0.2

Davenport 8.7 0.1

Keokuk 8.5 0.0

St. Louis 22.5 ...

LIVING COST TOPS WAGES OF MINERS

Figures, Including Illinois, Given House Labor Committee.

BULLETIN.

Washington, March 30.—Proposed that the house labor committee adopt a resolution asking the president to invite representatives of the miners and operators to meet here immediately in an effort to prevent the impending coal strike was made today by Representative London, Socialist, New York.

Washington, March 30.—The cost of living in many coal mining centers is greater than the earnings of the miners, Ethelbert Stewart, commissioner of statistics of the department of labor told the house labor committee at a hearing today on the Bland resolution providing for the committee to investigate the coal industry.

Mr. Stewart said the department agents were instructed to obtain data from 25 families in a number of towns of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and their report for the last year showed that while the average pay of the miner was \$1,590, the average cost of living was \$1,705. In the same towns the men in other trades earned an average of \$1,666, and paid \$1,645 to live.

Taking one union mine in Illinois, Mr. Stewart said it cost \$1.63 to get out a ton of coal which the miners received \$1.05. The cost at one non-union mine in Pennsylvania, he added, was \$1.34 and the miner got 61 cents.

Ask Operators Share.

Members of the committee wanted to know how much the operator received for the coal. The witnesses agreed to furnish the information.

Mr. Stewart contended that 30 per cent of the best producing soft coal mines, if worked at top efficiency the year around, would give enough coal to supply the country.

Explaining that the 2,500 mines reporting weekly to the geological survey do not include all in operation, Mr. Stewart said:

"Nobody knows how many mines there are. The number reporting only touch the edge. The witnesses were hoisted during a shift of their journey, Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, at 3 o'clock this afternoon."

Libson, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Captains Sacadura and Coutino, the Portuguese naval aviators, who started from Lisbon this morning in an attempted flight to Pernambuco, Brazil, arrived safely at the end of the flight stage of their journey, Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Libson, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The attempted flight from Lisbon to Pernambuco, Brazil, was started this morning, the flight stage of the journey, Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

They hope to make the trans-Atlantic passage of more than 4,000 miles in 60 hours actual flying time. They expect to arrive in Brazil by April 15.

The first stop will be at the Canary Islands; thence the route is by way of the Cape Verde Islands and Fernando Noronha, a short distance northeast of Pernambuco.

The flight from the Cape Verde Islands to Pernambuco is attended with considerable risk, as the only precaution taken for the safety of the aviators has been the stationing of three Portuguese cruisers along the line of flight.

Webster City, Iowa, March 30.—Sheriff William Meekins has been unable to attend to his duties for a week on account of partaking too abundantly of liquor seized by him in raids. County Attorney Edward Prince charges in a petition indictment filed today asking removal of Meekins as sheriff of Hamilton county.

SHERIFF DRINKS SEIZED LIQUOR

Man Who Took Unto Himself Thirteen Wives Would Wed Again 'If She's Right Sort'

BY CURTIS HODGES.

Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Indianapolis, Ind., March 30.—Isaiah Moore, 13 times a bigamist, was hoisted during a shift of their journey, Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Harry Leon Wilson, Famous Author, Fights Fist 'Duel' With Artist and Is Whipped

San Francisco, Calif., March 30.—Harry Leon Wilson, author and playwright, and Theodore Criley, artist, fought a duel last Saturday, according to a story printed in the San Francisco Examiner today. It was fought in a sheltered glen 70 miles south of here. The weapons were fists, encased in riding gloves and backed, in Wilson's case, with a weight of specially trained bone and muscle. Criley won.

According to the Examiner, the feud rose from a quarrel after a New Year's festivity.

A challenge was issued, the story runs, Wilson said he would bring two seconds and suggested his opponent be similarly provided, but Criley declined to bring friends. Wilson suggested soft riding gloves worn over fists. Criley accepted the challenge. He appeared alone and spoke no word until the end of the duel.

Use Old English Rules.

Wilson paced off a space the size of a ring. Old English rules were approved, providing that a knock-down constituted a round and for intervals of three minutes between rounds.

Wilson stepped into the ring, stripped to his undergarments and waited until Criley removed his glasses and his coat. With a cry of "Now," Wilson landed the first blow. There was little sparring. The men stood chest to chest and traded blow for blow.

After three minutes of battle, Wilson went down.

"Your round," he gasped and struggled to his feet.

The second round was shorter, Wilson went down again. Five rounds were fought, according to witnesses.

Wilson Stays Down.

At last Wilson stayed down. "You win," he said, "but don't think that I am through with you. I've just begun."

"I'm always at your service," Criley replied.

Criley formerly was a business man and retired to devote his time to New York City. He was a member of the "Whole Thing" club, which Criley said, "It was school boy stuff."

2 MOTORISTS, LOST, CALLED BANK BANDITS

Sleuths of Iowa Seek Supposed Low Moor Robbers.

Clinton, Iowa, March 30.—An innocent Centerville, Iowa, automobile dealer and his driver, trying to find their way home through the darkness, rain and sleet and foggy roads, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, caused a bank robbers' scare at Low Moor, Iowa, this county, that resulted in the calling out of a vigilance committee from Low Moor, Dewitt, Grand Mount, Calamus, and Wheatland, sheriffs and their deputies and police from Clinton, Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Maquoketa, and finally posse of farmers to assist in the search for the supposed bandits.

Stick In Mud.

While the neighborhood was being scoured for them the Centerville men's automobile became mired in a dirt road about four and a half miles from Low Moor, about 2 o'clock this morning. There they stuck until 11 o'clock when they were dragged out and started on their way after they had been questioned by Sheriff C. L. Ramsey, who had been called, when a posse of farmers found the automobile apparently abandoned.

They were on their way back to Centerville from Chicago, lost their way and became confused when Night Watchman Carl Christensen of Low Moor fired into the air and called out the vigilantes.

MINERS BREAK WORLD RECORD

Danville, Ill., March 30.—Miners at the Little Vermilion mine of the United States Fuel company, near here, are said to have broken a world's record yesterday, when 2,026 cars of coal, a total of 4,858 tons, were hoisted during a shift of eight hours. The mine cars contain 2.3 tons, and an average of one car was hoisted from the working level to the surface every 14.2 seconds.

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PROPERTY OF GERMANS IS BIG PUZZLE

Return Would Mean Confiscation by Teuton Government.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, D. C., March 30.—America's problem with respect to German property held in the United States is growing acute.

To give back the property to the German owners, it has just been discovered, would mean virtual confiscation by the German government and the proceeds would go into the national treasury, either for government uses or to pay reparations to the allied governments.

Second, German citizens who have property in the United States, working on the tangle for months, has presented a plan to President Harding out of which it is expected a policy will soon be evolved.

Here are the essential objects which it is sought to attain by the plan:

First, American citizens whose relatives lost their lives in the Lusitania or who lost property at the hands of Germany during the war, shall be paid.

Second, German citizens who have small estates which have been seized by the American government shall not be made to suffer unduly but should have their property back as soon as possible and the American government shall be required to agree not to apply its severe tax laws to this particular property.

Would Pay U. S. Claims.

Third, instead of permitting the German government to confiscate through taxation the bulk of the estates held by the alien property custodian, the American government shall use a portion of the proceeds to pay American claims and a portion as collateral for a huge trading corporation which shall help reestablish commercial relations between the United States and Germany.

One hundred million dollars of German assets held by the American government would be sufficient basis, it is calculated, for a billion dollar credit. There are German owners with a hundred million dollars worth of property here who have expressed a strong desire to have their assets pooled in such a quasi-government corporation which would operate under the Edges law.

While the Harding administration is not committed to any specific proposals and is still welcoming suggestions, it is true that the plan submitted by Colonel Miller is the first official solicitation which has been brought forward.

The United States government is, of course, opposed to confiscation of the German property and does not intend to sanction any

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NURSE ON STAND IN FATTY TRIAL

Mrs. Virginia Warren, Chicago, Tells of Attending Virginia Rappe in 1908.

San Francisco, Calif., March 30.—Mrs. Virginia Warren, Chicago nurse, resumed the stand at the start of today's session in the third trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle. She testified yesterday that she had attended a patient named Virginia Rappe, suffering from an abdominal complaint, in Chicago, in 1908.

Defense counsel, in her further testimony, asked her to show that the death of Miss Virginia Rappe was due to an old ailment, rather than to an attack the prosecution alleges Arbuckle made on her.

DRUNK FIGHTS COP; IS KILLED

Champaign, Ill., March 30.—W. R. Swearingen, a painter, is dead and Patrolman Roy Argo is slightly wounded as the result of an encounter last night when Argo attempted to arrest Swearingen for drunkenness. Swearingen fired three shots. The first went wild, the second struck Argo in the right shoulder. Argo then grappled with Swearingen and seized the weapon. It was discharged again and the bullet entered Swearingen's abdomen.

Swearingen leaves a widow and three children, the youngest 10 years old.

He Loves Children!

As he whines away the time, waiting for his trial, this man, al-

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GHOST THEORY OF DR. PRINCE IS CALLED LIE

Accused Girl Says He 'Ought to Be Ashamed'.

BY G. C. MACLEOD.

Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Halifax, N. S., March 30.—"It's a lie, it's a lie. I was never sub-

conscious in my life. I never set any fires or did any of the things printed in the papers."

There is a still small voice crying out in the wilderness. It is the voice of Mary Ellen MacDonald. It is crying out against the edict of "science" that there was no other "ghost of Antigonus" than Mary Ellen herself.

Science has had its fling, which has been far and wide. Now for the first time is Mary Ellen's side of the case presented. She and her foster parents have been secluded in the rough winter-bound country ever since Dr. Walter F. Prince gave to the world his report on the strange happenings in the MacDonald home.

Family Is Resentful.

It was no easy task to induce Mary Ellen or any of the MacDonalds to talk. They are suddenly resentful of the imputations against Mary Ellen, and so are all of their neighbors and friends. They say they never would have consented to let Dr. Prince have possession of the "haunted" house, with his "jingle bells" and journalists if they had known he harbored any suspicious against the girl. Most of all do they regret having spent a night in the house with Dr. Prince.

"I never set any fires. I never untied the cattle in the barns. I never plaited the tails of the horses. I would have been afraid to do that. I had a sweet heart who did it; now they say I did it. It's all lies, I tell you. I don't care who Dr. Prince is. He ought to be ashamed of himself."

Never Was "Sub-Conscious."

Mary Ellen stood with her foster parents who nodded their assent from time to time. Her eyes, playful most of the time, snapped. "But Dr. Prince says you were not culpable, that you did it while under sub-conscious influence," the reporter asserted. "I don't know what culpable is," said Mary Ellen promptly, "but I was never sub-conscious in my life. I never faint."

"Mary Ellen always has been a good girl, and never has done anything of this kind," put in Mrs. MacDonald with a motherly arm about the child.

"That is true," said the foster father, a reverent man of 70.

Both the MacDonalds are certain that neither Mary Ellen nor any other human being was to blame for anything that happened.

And despite the clean bill of health given the place by the noted Dr. Prince, they have not gone back to their old home, and their neighbors as well as themselves say they never will.

The world at large may believe Dr. Prince and his psychological conclusions, but Antigonus county believes Mary Ellen.

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JEWELL ENDS WAGE APPEAL

Tells Rail Board Whole Social Structure of Country Is in Collapse.

Chicago, March 30.—B. M. Jewell, head of the railroad shop craft, today closed his week's argument in rebuttal of the railroads' petition for a 10 per cent wage reduction for shopmen on 204 lines.

Mr. Jewell reiterated statements that the whole social structure of the country is in a state of collapse and will continue so unless the present system as to profits and wages is changed. He said he was asking for a living wage for the workers, for unless the situation was changed, profits would continue the principal object of industry, control would pass from few to fewer, wages would be cut down and the result would be no incentive for production and utter collapse.

Fred J. Warren, statistician for the shop crafts, followed Mr. Jewell on the stand.

EARTH TREMOR HITS MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tenn., March 30.—A distinct earth tremor of three or four seconds was felt here at 10:53 a. m. today. Windows were rattled and a number of reports were received that pictures and mirrors had been shaken from the walls in various sections of the city. No damage was reported.

FIREMEN IN DANGER AS WALL FALLS

Efforts Directed to Save Nichols Plant When Flames Conquer.

Fire which completely destroyed the five and six story starch building of the old Glucose plant, Rockingham road, Davenport, and threatened the lives of several firemen, resulted in the loss of \$300,000 at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When the building was doomed, all efforts were directed to save the Nichols Wire company building adjoining the starch factory.

The blaze attracted hundreds of people from the tri-cities and surrounding Iowa towns and was one of the most spectacular fires in recent years. No definite cause of the fire could be found, but the origin was traced to the south side of the old starch building, which is the southwest structure of the group of buildings, and is owned by Charles Brady, 840 Twenty-second street, Rock Island, and the Davenport Loan and Investment company. The machinery stored in this building, valued at \$75,000, was the property of Otto Thomsen of Davenport.

Laborers had been working in the building yesterday afternoon, removing old pipes. Torches were used in the work, and at 2 o'clock a small blaze occurred which was quickly extinguished by the workers. It is believed that another outbreak of this fire or that a spark from a passing engine started the second fire.

The building which was totally wrecked was part of a five story and a large portion was a six story structure. To replace the building, Mr. Brady estimated, will cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000. Office buildings which adjoined the starch building which adjoined the starch saved. The roof of the boiler building caved in.

Six calls came into the Davenport fire station within a few minutes at 5:30 o'clock. All companies in the city responded but because of the northwest wind the fire spread rapidly and within 15 minutes the entire building, 300 feet long, was in flames. The starch building was not being used, but was filled with machinery. Insurance is carried on the buildings.

The fire swept this building furiously, gaining force from the four floors, which were all soaked. When the factory was in use, the company often each of its floors to keep the dust down and after years of this application the wood had become saturated with the oil.

The four walls of this building collapsed. Meanwhile 20 firemen were working on top of the adjoining two-story building, which is just between the old starch building and the elevators, when the north wall of the starch building caved in.

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PEORIA BANDIT IS FOUND GUILTY

Virginia, Ill., March 30.—A jury verdict last night disposed of the second of a trio of Peoria bandits who last Aug. 15 drove a truck to the rear of the McIntyre general store and within five minutes of its \$5,000 stock. Ben D. Darling was found guilty by a jury after it had been out 12 hours. A few weeks ago Roy Erickson, the first of the three men was shot to death when Sheriff Farrar caught him in an attempt to escape.

MEN FORM A CLUB TO BOYCOTT THE DEADLY FLAPPER

Mosquero, N. M., March 30.—Women residents of Mosquero are divided in their views of the men's anti-flapper club, recently organized. Some of them say the men are "perfectly right" in wanting to keep aloof from "flappers" while others wiggle their ears and place of its "philistines". Mrs. Myra O'Defrees, superintendent of schools, calls on the members of the club to "be more specific—tell in exact terms what their ideal is" while Miss Aurelia Trajillo, former editor of the Mosquero Sun, declares that "when girls learn to dress so as to show more of their ears and less of their knees, to dance with more grace and less indecent wiggling they will be more desirable in the eyes of serious-minded men."

Meanwhile the wisecracks of the town are chuckling at the controversy raging.